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Interview Summary
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INTERVIEW SUMMARY

Identification of Claims and References to be Discussed

Claim(s) for discussion: Claim 1.

Reference(s) for discussion: Gai et al. (U.S. Pub. No. 2004/0160903, hereinafter "Gai"), Pinto (U.S. Pub. No. 2002/0133622, hereinafter "Pinto"), and Chou et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,920,106, hereinafter "Chou").

Applicant's Arguments

Examiner acknowledges that Gai does not explicitly disclose determining whether the management communication is a first category based on the management class. However, Examiner avers that Pinto discloses determining whether the management communication is a first category based on the management class of the node the communication originated from and whether the management communication is a request or a reply. Applicant respectfully disagrees with the argument.

Pinto discloses a method for discovering and mapping elements in a subnet by the subnet manager, which sends out a packet to be broadcasted by

switches to other subnet elements. However, Pinto, alone or in combination with Gai and Chou, does not disclose characterizing packets based on the management class of the node the communication originated from and/or whether the management communication is a request or a reply.

Outcome of Interview

Examiner suggested the Applicant to clarify the term “management class” in order to overcome the cited prior art. Examiner also indicated that claim rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 112 have been overcome by an amendment proposed by Applicant.

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